



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Martin SOMMER et al.

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For: MOLDED ELEMENT THAT CONSISTS OF BRITTLE-FRACTURE MATERIAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2006, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks in view of the concurrently filed Notice of Appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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